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 Examining Group. 2616
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In re application of: M. SASAKI et al.

Application No. : 09/787,427

Group Art Unit: 2616

Filed : March 23, 2001

Examiner: H. T. Nguyen

For : DATA STORAGE MEDIUM, DATA RECORDING AND REPRODUCING METHOD, AND
 DATA RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116** in the above-captioned application.

☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and trademark Office on October 19, 2005, in which the three month shortened statutory period for responding thereto runs to January 19, 2006, but in which a response is being filed by the two month due date running to December 19, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this Response.